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SUBJ: GOC SPOKESMAN RIDICULES PORTER STATEMENT

ON CHILE/PERU RELATIONS

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1. JUNTA PRESS SECRETARY FEDERICO WILLOUGHBY ON MAY 8 TERMED FORMER CONGRESSMAN CHARLES O. PORTER'S COMMENTS BEFORE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SUBCOMMITTEES ABOUT A POSSIBLE CHILE/PERU WAR AS "RIDICULOUS" SINCE "WE HAVE THE MOST CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU." HE LIKEWISE CHARACTERIZED AS RIDICULOUS PORTER'S STATEMENTS ON INTERNAL SITUATION IN CHILE.

2. WILLOUGHBY CITED RECENT VISITS BY PERUVIAN MILITARY LEADERS TO CHILE, FACT THAT TWO CHILEAN ARMY GENERALS ARE AT PRESENT VISITING LIMA, AND RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF JUNTA PRESIDENT PINOCHET'S INTEREST IN GOING TO PERU FOR BATTLE OF AYACUCHO COMMEMORATION (SANTIAGO 2518) CONCLUDED WILLOUGHBY: "THE SILLY REMARKS OR THE BAD FAITH (MALA INTENCION) OF THESE POLITICIANS IS LAMENTABLE; WHEN CHILE WAS SUFFERING THE HUNGER, INSECURITY, AND VIOLENCE OF THE MARXIST REGIME, THEY NEVER LEFT WASHINGTON TO SEE THE SUFFERING OF OUR
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PEOPLE, AND TODAY, EITHER TO IMPROVE THEIR OWN IMAGE OR FOR

PUBLICITY PURPOSES, THEY NOT ONLY PLAY THE MARXIST GAME BY MOUTHING (MARXIST) SLOGANS ABOUT THE SITUATION IN CHILE, BUT THEY ALSO AID IN EFFORTS TO INCREASE FRICTIONS AMONG FRATERNAL PEOPLES."

3. SANTIAGO PRESS ALSO REPORTS SARCASTIC AND HUMOROUS REACTIONS IN LA PAZ TO CHILE/PERU WAR SCARE AS SEEN BY PORTER, AS WELL AS DEPARTMENT COMMENTS ON PORTER STATMENT (REFTEL)

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